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LOG NOTES - Chief, Publications Division, FBIS

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1. [redacted] and I met with [redacted] of PSD on ways to solve the present Daily Report page shortage. They made several suggestions for changing our format which would enable us to get more material on each page. [redacted] on his own initiative, had already been experimenting with some of these. We decided that (1) we would experiment further with eliminating one line of white space between each paragraph; this allows us to put about 10% more material on each page. (2) PSD will supply us with a new platen for one typewriter which types at 7.2 lines to the inch rather than the present 6-1/2; this would provide another 10%. (3) PSD will experiment with the possibility of using paper that is 1/2 inch wider and 1/2 inch longer. If this paper can be used in their machines it would enable us without making any format changes to get 15% more material on each page. While none of these suggestions is esthetically desirable, and any of them would result in a less attractive product, we very likely will have to adopt one or two of them if we are to handle the amount of current information available. These are emergency moves. PSD is still recruiting part-time help to enable it to handle our workload and for the long run they are considering automation. We discussed the effectiveness of their PROTON printing proposal, and I am not at all certain that the total outlay would be justified but this will be explored in detail later. (cc: Director's Office, C/Production, DC/Operations, [redacted])

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